

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;

second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;

second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring; and

a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both premolded polymer films, respectively, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided is thinner than the insulating substrate.

5. (Original) The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 4, wherein the insulative protecting film which is thinner than the insulating substrate has a thickness which is a half or less than a thickness of the insulating substrate.

6. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:
a flexible insulating substrate;
first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;
first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate,
for protecting the first wiring;
second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;
second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating
substrate, for protecting the second wiring; and
a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second
wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,
wherein:
said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are
both polymer film, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except

for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive,

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided is thinner than the insulating substrate,

~~The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 4, wherein:~~

said terminal portion is provided only on the first wiring, and
an end of the second insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion is farther away from an end of the insulating substrate where the terminal portion is provided than an end of the first insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion.

7. (Withdrawn) The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 4, wherein a boundary portion between (a) one of the first insulative wiring board and the second insulative wiring board which is provided on the surface the terminal portion is provided and (b) the terminal portion is distanced by at least 0.2 mm from an end of a substrate of the external electrical component which is connected to the terminal portion.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Withdrawn) An electrical device which includes a flexible wiring board and an electrical component, the flexible wiring board being connected to the electrical

device while being laid over the electrical device at one end, and being bent at a portion other than the end portion,

said flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

first wiring which is provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

a first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;

second wiring which is provided on the other side of the insulating substrate;

a second insulative wiring board, provided on the other side of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring; and

a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both premolded polymer film, and are placed to cover the first wiring and second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film which is provided on the surface the terminal portion is provided is thinner than the insulating substrate.

13. (Withdrawn) The electrical device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the insulative protecting film which is thinner than the insulating substrate has a thickness which is a half or less than a thickness of the insulating substrate.

14. (Withdrawn) The electrical device as set forth in claim 12, wherein:
said terminal portion is provided only on one surface of the first wiring, and
an end of the second insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion is farther away from an end of the insulating substrate where the terminal portion is provided than an end of the first insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion.

15. (Withdrawn) The electrical device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the flexible wiring board is bent with the surface provided with the first wiring facing inward.

16. (Withdrawn) The electrical device as set forth in claim 12, wherein a boundary portion between (a) one of the first insulative protecting film and the second insulative protecting film which is provided on the surface of the insulating substrate on which the terminal portion is provided and (b) the terminal portion is distanced by at least 0.2 mm from an end of a substrate of the external electrical component which is connected to the terminal portion.

17. (Withdrawn) The electrical device as set forth in claim 12, wherein:

said electrical component is a liquid crystal display element, and
said flexible wiring board supplies a signal to the liquid crystal display element via
the wiring.

18. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:

- a flexible insulating substrate;
- a first wiring provided on one side of the flexible insulating substrate;
- a first insulative protecting film, provided on the one side of the flexible insulating substrate for protecting the first wiring, the first wiring being provided between the flexible insulating substrate and the first insulative protecting film;
- a second wiring provided on the other side of the flexible insulating substrate, so that the first and second wirings are on opposite sides of the flexible insulating substrate;
- a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other side of the flexible insulating substrate for protecting the second wiring, the second wiring being provided between the flexible insulating substrate and the second insulative protecting film; and
- a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both premolded polymer inclusive, and cover the first wiring and the second wiring

except for at least part of the terminal portion, and are bonded to the flexible insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, on a terminal portion side of the flexible insulative substrate, is thinner than the insulating substrate with respect to thickness.

19. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

a first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

a first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;

a second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;

a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring;

wherein a part of at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring represents a terminal portion, said part representing the terminal portion being exposed and to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both premolded and polymer-based, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided, is thinner than the insulating substrate.

20. (Previously presented) The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 19, wherein the insulative protecting film which is thinner than the insulating substrate has a thickness which is half or less than a thickness of the insulating substrate.

21. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:
a flexible insulating substrate;
a first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;
a first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;
a second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;
a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring;
wherein a part of at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring represents a terminal portion, said part representing the terminal portion being exposed and to be connected to an external electrical component,
wherein said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer-based, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second

wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive,

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided, is thinner than the insulating substrate,

~~The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 19, wherein:~~

wherein only the first wiring has said terminal portion, and

wherein an end of the second insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion is farther away from an end of the insulating substrate where the terminal portion is provided than an end of the first insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion.

22. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate,

for protecting the first wiring;

second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;

second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring; and

a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer film, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive,

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided is thinner than the insulating substrate,

~~The flexible wiring board of claim 4, wherein~~ said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are not in electrical communication with one another.

23. (Currently amended) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

a first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

a first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;

a second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;

a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring;

wherein a part of at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring represents a terminal portion, said part representing the terminal portion being exposed and to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer-based, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive,

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided, is thinner than the insulating substrate, and

~~The flexible wiring board of claim 19,~~ wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are not in electrical communication with one another.

24. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 4, wherein said terminal portion is provided on said first wiring but not said second wiring.

25. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 18, wherein said terminal portion is provided on said first wiring but not said second wiring.

26. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 4, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.

27. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 6, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.

28. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 12, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.

29. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 18, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.

30. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 19, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.

31. (New) The flexible wiring board of claim 21, wherein said first and second wirings, which are on opposite sides of said flexible insulating substrate, are in electrical communication with each other via a through hole.